



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Drewe, *et al.*

SERIAL NO.: 09/744,489

GROUP ART UNIT: 1637

FILED: January 23, 2001

EXAMINER: Siew, Jeffrey

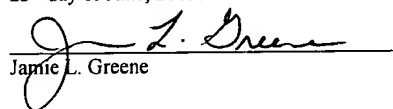
FOR: NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION BY TRIPLE HELIX FORMATION

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 41577/252464
DATE: June 23, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1430

I hereby certify that this document, together with any document referred to as enclosed or attached, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, Express Mail Label No. EV333519967US in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1430, on this 23rd day of June, 2003.


Jamie L. Greene

06/25/2003 DTESEM1 00000148 09744489

02 FC:1252

410.00 OP

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified application. Preliminary to any examination on the merits, applicants respectfully submit the following amendments: